

# A TRUE ACCOUNT (1)

## Of the Apprehending and Taking of

# Count Koningmark:

*Shewing how before the Mayer of Grave's End, he had pretended himself an Apprentice, and of the handfuls of Money he distributed among those that guarded him, &c.*

*With his Examination before his Majesty in Privy Council.*

**W**Hereas 200*l.* was promised for the taking of Count *Koningmark*; a person supposed to have known where the Count has been for 4 days last past, did acquaint Mr. *Kidd*, Mr. *Thin*'s Gentleman, he acquainted Mr. *Gibbins*, one of the Duke of *Monmouth*'s Gentlemen where the Count was: whereupon Mr. *Gibbins*, and one of the Duke of *Torks* Watermen, accompanied with some others, went to *Graves-end*, Feb. 19 at 8 of the Clock at Night. This Count was taken at that time and place, in poor Habit, come on Shoar, he had a Black old Peruke, with his own Hair tyed like a Womans, rould up upon his Head, and the rest hung down his Back under his Coat, his own Hair being very White, he having Dined on Sunday last at *Greenwich*.

The first that seiz'd him was Mr. *Gibbins*, who clasped him with both his Arms, saying, Sir, You are my Prisoner! the Count had a Sword under his Coat and his Hand on the Hilt, but the Sword dropt by reason of Mr. *Gibbins*'s Grasp: The Count had like to have sprung out of his Hands, and was very Mutinous; and askt Mr. *Gibbins*, If he came to Rob him? But Mr. *Gibbins* told him, He had the Kings Warrant, and the Recorder of *Graves-end*'s Warrant to seize him: with that the Waterman took hold on one of his Arms, and Mr. *Gibbins* on the other; he askt Mr. *Gibbins*, Who he was, That would offer to seize him? And after some Discourse, the Count confessed, he was the Count *Koningmark*, before he was carried before the Mayer of *Graves-end*, Mr. *Gibbins* answered, He was the Duke of *Monmouth*'s Servant: then saith the Count, The Duke of *Monmouth* is out of Favour at Court: but saith Mr. *Gibbins*, The King has lost a good Subject, and my Master a good Friend, and so have we all a Worthy Gentleman most Barbarously Murdered; and then the Count passed a great many Complements, and desired to be civilly used; The Count's Pockets

Pockets were searched, expecting to find Pistols, but they found therein two peices of Polonian Saffages, they being a'so almost full of Mony.

He ask'd, who the Waterman was? He answered, He was the Duke of York's Water-man, and Mr *Gibbons* had commanded him, in the KING'S Name, To assist him. When he was carried before the Mayer, he was very ceremonious, and said, He was glad, he was fallen into the Hands of a Gentleman, and withall again confessed, He was the Count *Coningsmark*: and also desired, That as he was used among Soldiers, so, He might have a Guard of Soldiers, and not of civil Officers: Hereupon the Mayer granted him a strong Guard of Soldiers, and told him, he should have civil Usage. Then he desired his clothes might be sent for from the Waterman; who brought them. Hereupon the Mayer had an Opportunity to examine the Waterman, who to avoid all Suspicion of Confederacy, said, he had been cruising four daies upon the Thames, in order to his Escape: And further, he told him, The Count said to him, He was an Apprentice to a Jeweller, and a Banker: and, That his Fellow Prentice had fraudulently convey'd from his Master, without his Privy, a great many Jewels and other things to several Thousand Pounds Value; and tho he was innocent, yet being the elder Prentice, he sadly dreaded Imprisonment for his Partners Fact: and therefore the Count took this Course to convey himself beyond Sea: where he had Intelligence his fellow Apperntice was, and there he did intend to apprehend him, and clear himself, and return to *England* to his Master. The Waterman believing this Story, did his best to Convey him away.

As the Count was carrying away from the Mayer, he gave his Guard a handful of Money to buy Tobacco and Ale: and gave the Duke of York's Waterman, that assisted in taking him, another handful of Money: and said, He had but one Bastion or Counterscarp more to enter upon, and that would do his Business: A Nobleman said, He was always full of Projects, but he supposed he meant a Scaffold.

When he was before his Majesty in Council, he was asked several Questions, as, When he had taken Physick? When he saw his Brother? When he saw his Brothers Tutor? and when he saw the Captain? Why he had so disguised himself, with many others: To all which he made slight Answers, and seem'd unconcern'd? The Council being long in debate: at last they sent him to Secretary *Jenkins* his Lodgings, and afterwards about 8 a clock at Night, he was convey'd to my Lord Chief Justice *Pemberton*: And thence, about 12 at Night, he was sent to *Newgate*,

This Account is taken from Mr. *Gibbins*, who first seized the Count.

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